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In response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2007, reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

A. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1 – 3, 5, 6, 8, 11 – 14, 16, 18 – 21, 23 – 25, 30, 36 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mikkelsen (U.S. Patent No. 6,559,820). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Turning first to claim, this claim recites a method for digitizing data, comprising the following steps:

setting an element of an electronic ink display to one of a plurality of display states;

modifying the display state of the element by writing to the display with an external device; and

electronically reading the element to determine if the display state has been modified.

As explained in paragraph [0021] of the specification, the appearance of the electronic ink display can be modified, for example, by contacting the screen with a charged stylus (i.e., an external device) and the resulting changes will remain for a very long time, without the need for the processor time, bus bandwidth and overhead